WHIMS OF THE FAIR SEX

They Are Very Many, But Always Interesting.

PIETY AMONG OUR WOMEN.

An Evangelist Thinks There is More of It Than Ever Before.

Mrs. Bottome's Fourteen Years of Bellglous Work Among Society Women-Selftahness is Woman's Besetting Sin-The Good Deeds Done by the Butterfles of

as you call them?"
"Well, not in the ordinary way by shutting

myself up with my Bible and commentary. As Spurgeon once said to a man who asked him that question. 'Oh, I am studying all the time; am getting a sermon out of you this minute." So I prepare my talks in the cars, on the street, everywhere, and very often take my text from my morning paper. I am a great reader of newspapers and believe in talking | Two English Costumes that Avoid the Emalong the line of current events, in the drift of popular thought. Just now the discussion of the Presbyterian Confession fills me full of thought, not of the Importance of the arguments advanced on either side of trated crusade against the ankles of English that puzzling question, but of the deeper underlying question in many people's minds as upon rainy days, or, to whether there is any God at all or not; not rather, against the the necessity of a fixed faith in the Westmin-ster formula of belief, but of the need of a con-makes such a display vincing knowledge of the spirit of God in our necessary. The Ga-

What is to-day in New York the greatest | conveniently under the foe of Christianity among women?" "If I were to answer in a single word, I respondent," and, after would say solfishness. Women will not hold depleting in a large pleture the embarrassso determined to have a good time, and can't ments of a woman seem to understand that we are not here to have a good time, but to be good. They avoid | crossing the street on in many cases the dearest purposes of a we- a rainy day with an man's life by leaving their children to the care umbrella and several of nurses, and by living too much in boarding bundles, it proceeds to houses and hotels instead of in homes. Even treat of the reform if they have homes they are never so little at that the occasion dehome as when in them, and forget the sacred- mands. ness of wifehood and motherhood in a round of gay pleasures that leave them no time for dent" first imagines earnest thoughts. Mind, I do not say all the question as to the women of wealth are sellish and care- devising of some suitable wet-weather dress less, but that the greatest hindrance to for women put to the regulation British mat-Christianity is this mistaken ideal held ron and finds that that worthy woman would by so many of the true purpose of living: probably reply that modesty demanded the reand the only remedy for this deep unrest, this tention of the "flapping frills" winding about | fe finds the remedy in choosing another lace:

women is womantiness, and in true womantiness there can be no seiffshness." Do you find it difficult to interest women in religious topies, and do you think they are be-

heart of selfishness. What the world wants of

coming better or worse latterly?" Personally I find no difficulty in interesting them in serious thines. The calls I make for charity are most generously responded to, and with all my heart I say and believe they are growing better every day. For fourteen years I have talked among the women who danced at the Astor ball, and the women who came to near me fourteen years ago are coming to-day, thoughtful, cultivated, earnest women, well gnown in New York society. Women whose dresses and diamonds inspire the paragrapher's pen at night go out the next day in plain garb to put blue sky into lives shaded ever by gray clouds. I met one of these women one morning in a simple gown burrying along the street, and she said, 'All the city where I went and what I wore last night, and I suppose no one ever dreams that I would spend my morning searching for a situation for a young girl who will not let me help her with money. They think my life is society, when that is only my recreation. The real life they know nothing of! People speeringly say that charities are pretty pets among ultra-fashionable women; that they are part of the proper regime at stylish schools. I am glad of it. I wish they had more such pets. They couldn't have better fads than those which make some one less fortunate than themselves a little more com-fortable and happy. With the young girls, of course, charitable work is often entered into thoughtlessly. The girls are young. Life is full of roses, but by and by the thorns will come and bring a seriousness that will teach them the double purpose of charity-relief for the sorrows in other lives, relief from the sorrows

A gay young society girl came to me some time ago concerning a name for a ten of King's Daughters, and said, 'I suppose we ought to call ourselves the Frivolous Ten.' That girl is at the head of tens of tens of King's Daughters now, and doing a wonderful work for humanity, though you may read her name in the society papers, and wonder when she finds time for it all. It doesn't take long to do a great

deal of good with a check book, you know, One lady, whose name is so well known I dare not give it to you whose life is one long round of pleasure, always has that little book within reach, and finds time to make hundreds of lives brighter and better worth Hving. One thing is certain, and that is that the longer I live the more I am surprised at the good I find in bad people and the bad I find in good people. I find the good where I least expect it, and I believe we should take hold of the good, as of a handle, to uplift the world by. I never had greater hope for womanhood than to-day, and I touch both extremes. you know. I am glad it is becoming tachionable to be charitable; that it is siglish for the fortunate women of society to reach out kindly hands to those whose lives are full of toll. hands to those whose lives are full of ton,
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expected the feativities of the time would oc-cupy general attention. The sorrow of death either among their own or their friends dear ones has made women universally thoughtful

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Everything is changing now, and religion is less emotional than practical in its manifestations. Gid channels and grooves are worn away, and the love of Christ is shown not by going to church alone, but by doing Christ-like things, in a growing love for humanity. In a growing interest in others less fortunate than thomseives. We are coming down to a practical Christ, to a religion not of creeds and doctrines, but of love and charity. The class of women I minge most with are abundant in goel, works—true mothers, true wives, true lovers of humanity.

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"What of the Salvation Army work?"

"I am very much attracted to Mrs. Booth personally, and I am good to believe on her testimony that good is being done in any way. I haven't been favorable to the methods of the Army. I shrink from the idea of women tramping the streets after a band of much, and some of their language seems blass bettons to me, But for the work they are now doing in the siums I have great numeration, and for the women who lay aside their uniforms and go down among those poor jeoule to do them good in their own garb I have the greatest respect and supparts."

in the summer was entered by the meetings held by Moody and Santhey and summer and summer thouse who were and asked me to have a men summer and summer and summer the summer was entered in the meetings held by Moody and Santhey bere provided at Tarrytown, which is, you know, the summer home of many of New York's families. Mrs. Cortland de Perster Field, Mrs. Stokes, and others who had been interested in the meetings here came at more time and asked me to have a meeting he meeting show york's families. Mrs. Cortland de Perster Field, Mrs. Stokes, and others who had been interested in the meetings here came to me and asked me to have a monometing in the particulation of the summer was ended. In inviting people to attend, with the result that my little house was crowded and carriances lined the street on either side. But when they were all assembled the invisor refused to talk my morning lesson. The next week they came again and the next and insisted on my talking to them, until the summer was ended. Then when I came to the city in the winter flexible to hear of a fairness of the woman's continued to the city in the winter they invited their friends to hear on alternate Tuesdays to accommendate they invited their friends to hear on alternate Tuesdays to accommend their of fairness of the street on the santhey were all assembled the lattices refused to talk and they were all assembled the lattices refused to talk and the come to meeting in the case of the more than and the come to me from reading my morning lesson. The next week they were all assembled the lattices refused to talk and they were all assembled the lattices refused to talk and the come to meeting in a church on alternate Tuesdays to accommendate they be all the my morning lesson. The next were always flow and the stoke of the same of the woman's continued to the control of the woman's the control of the c

herlin, and one is at Yalo; so I have nothing to do but God's work among women, and I feel that it is only right, since I never had any tears to shed over my boys for Intemnerance, to try to help other women whose boys do cause their tears to flow. My one and only hobby is the spirit life for all, fortunate and unfo tunate, rich and poor, women and men, not creed, not religious, not doctrines but the spirit of God working in us to will and to do."

The Pall Mail Gazette, having no more great reforms to accomplish, has come down to the little things of life, and is engaged in an illus-

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lesides, Diana adopted a costume to soit the occasion without the slightest reinctance. English women are making an absurd struggle to indulge in active exercises attired in a diess intended for a scientary life.

VARIOUS MANIJESTATIONS.

vice to Women with Black Hair-Green the Color This Spring-Something About Violets and Faus-Riding Costumes.

It is curious how quickly mankind discovers the woman who knows how to give a pleasant tea. They soon grow disgusted with making their way through a mob, speaking for the proper thirty seconds to the hostess, and then having a cup of weak, milky, lukewarm liquid offered as a help through this journey. When good things to eat and drink were put into this world it was the intention of the Lord that mankind should enjoy them, and when anything that isn't good is offered it is not only a personal affront, but an insult to heaven, There is one good ten given in New York. and this is the way it is done: The lady of the house sends out no cards, but as she doesn't pesire to spend all her hours in other people's houses or running about the streets, one always finds her at home at 5 o'clock. In the most fetching tea gown. and with the most delightful air of warmth and welcome surrounding her. There is an open fireplace and some light in the room, but not too much. Back in a corner stands the tea table, with its white cover, and cups large enough to hold tea-beautiful cups, such as would delight the heart of Sir John Millais, who is never so happy as when he is drinking a veritable "dish of tay," This is for the peo-ple who like cream and sugar; the fat silver pitcher really holds cream, while a bloated locking cosey enshrouds the tea-por and keeps it hot. Just beside this is a Russiau samovar surrounded by its cut-gases tumblers in their silver holders, for mylady would never think of offering Russian tea in curs. A capital old bow holds the silves

canters stand by, one filled with sherry, the other with rum, and if you want to be absolutely Russian in your fashion of drisking, you will take two tiny poenfuls of one or the other. In the cup that cheers. The Russian tea is always hot—very hot—and yet at St. Petersburg the most delicate women do not besitate to drink glassiul after glassful, and then go out in the open air, and it evidently has no ill effect.

There is a maid to attend the tea table, so that people get their toa at once, and not as the buds are up to give it, a little at a time, and each little growing colder. There are paid de foie gras sandwiches and hot cake, and whoever knew of a man able to resigt hot cake. Sepecially if it has raisins in it? This is the ideal ton as it is served in New York.

The smart girl who likes to create a sensation may imitate her English sister and appear at the first fancy dance to which she goes as the "Dude." The costume consists of a very finely plaited skirt of black diagonal cloth that linely plaited skirt of black diagonal cloth that reaches half way between the knee and ankie. There is an imposing expanse of pique shirt besom, over which a low-cut waistcoat of white brocade is buttoned. A Directoire coat of black satin, with long narrow coat tails, wide revers, and deep culls, properly decorated with cut seed buttons, is then a-sumed. The collar is very high and a stock of white lawn is worn hlack sik stockings and black patent leather shoes, with paste buckles dress the feet, while the hands are hidden under black undressed kid. A stick of natural wood with some lancy and exaggerated handle is carried, and the monocle is worn in a way that would delight the heart of a variety actress, and is swagger enough to suit the most invetess, and is swagger enough to suit the most invetess, and is swagger enough to suit the most invetess, and is swagger enough to suit the most invetess and is swagger enough to suit the most invetess.

Whather the chamise is in fashion or not. Mrs. Langtry wears one. And certainly hers don't make her bodice fit badly, for if ever don't make her bodice fit hadly, for if ever there was a woman whose clothes did fit as if she were melted and poured into them, she was the happy creature. Her chemises were of the finest nawn in rose, mauve, or blue, with tiny white spots upon them: the neck was shaped to lit her shoulders and an elaborate lace yoke set in. High upon one side were the interfaced L. L. s and the three plumes, or the form de in, which she has claimed for her own in length these would be the desight to one's grandmother, for they reach aimost to the ankle, and the edge is finished with a simple hemself him.

dies the l'arisienne is excited until she knows just when the sale of her belongings will come off; and to have something once possessed by on; and to have something once possessed by one of these women is counted, only a woman knows why, a great glory. When Mine, Musard's effect were sold there were boxes upon loxes of fine all stockings that had never bo in untied, and the other night at a smart dance a beauty whose costume was of green title put out her little foot and told with great give that the green sik stocking encasing it had been among these bought at the notorious Musard's sale. Mine, Musard was among the first of the women of this century at least to regard the serpent as an ornament, and people who return or her at the opera in the glory of her wonderful diamonds never fall to fell you of the tiny viner that encircled her neck, bringing out its incommarable whiteness and making the jewels look all the brighter by its dark skin. A young married woman here in New York possesses the famons tur judise which was the dealth of Cora rearl, and another one glories in an emerald band with which it is said her godden locks were, for one evening, held in position.

persuade you into wearing it in a full heavy bang; leave that to the unfortunate blondes, bang; leave that to the unfortunate blondes, who according to statistics, do not marry. Instead, if you pessably can, have your hair parted and brushed back with just one or two soft locks curied a little. Frizzy black hair is as bad form as that which gains its sunshine from peroxide of hydrogen. You want your black hair to shine like your diamonds. In your heart of hearts you ought to be satisfied with it, for fickie Monseur Worth says that nothing delights his soul so much as to make a gown for a dark-naired woman. There is no earthly use in a blonde trying to turn her locks to auburn. This color is only produced by using the peroxide on dark hair, and even then great care has to be taken that too much then great care has to be taken that too much is not used, else it will be lighter than the Titian red desired.

Green will be the color of the spring, and as our artistic tastes have improved, we realize that there is only one shade besides golden brown that is absolutely adapted to it, and that br. wh that is absolutely acapted to it, and that is violet: if you doubt it, just look at a bunch of violets surrounded by the leaves. It is a historic combination, for when Perarch first saw Laura, as she was coming out of church, she wore a gown of green velvet looped with bunches of violets. Fink and vellow, the combination belix so likes for evening gowns, was used by the royal lover Louis when he presented his first bouquet to Loui-e La Valliere: it was of pink and vellow rose-buds tied with long ribbons of unik and yellow satin. At one time, when the Orangemen had no respect even for the caprices of a woman and wanted one, a good tatholic, to assume the orange knot, she deleated them by saying that not only would she wear artibon of orange, but it should form a part of the costume; so she aspeared in a g. win of black and orange. To this they could say nothing, and yet she was wearing the color of the racal cound, of the most Catholic of gentlemen, Lord Baltimore, and of the Dublin University. The wit of one woman amounted to more than all the rangerous feeling of a regiment of Orangemen. is violet; if you doubt it, just look at a bunch

back of her corsets will show through her bodbe finds the remedy in choosing another lace; the chances are that she has a round cord, or else somebody has convinced her that a rubber have is desirable. What she wants to do is to pay so cents for a long flat she have which will outwear any of the others, and will never an-pounce its existence except by being easy to pull when she wishes to tighten her stars.

ings. surmounted by layers of miscellaneous underdothing, appear less decent than a suitable stress. Notewer curtailed its skirts," but doesn't think the British matron likely to be moved by any such consideration.

A more dangerous objector, to the mind of the "lady corresponder," 1- the one who says:

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The fragrant purple-petalled little blossom which latios affect so generally at this season of the year is the imperial flower of the two beautiful women who graced the throne in the days of the will are of the flowers she loved, and the sweet-breathed little blossoms now surround her tomb. Those who remember the reign of the blossoms now surround per tomb. Those who remember the reign of the beautiful Empress Engine will recall the culture of the flowers she loved, and the sweet-breathed little blossoms now surround per tomb. Those who remember the reign of the beautiful Empress Engine will recall the culture of the flowers she loved, and the sweet-breathed little blossoms now surround per tomb. Those who remember the reign of the beautiful Empress Engine will recall the culture of the flowers she loved the culture of the some who graced the throne in the days of possible to move freely and gracefully is all that is demanded; nothing more. The philosophic mind, free from the prejudices of Mrs. Grundy, fails to perceive any indexicacy in the wearing of a pair of neat gaters. Surely, a special walking dress is as much a necessity in any reas on a blo schone of women's dress as a riding table. It is true that in the days when men made the best statues of the female form divine, women wore trailing gaments (if any, but then the climate of freece differs from that of Eorjand considerably, and in general Greek ladies who respected themselves did not walk abroad or take violent overeise, anding an abourd strue, and the mangaring on the consideration of the female force of the finest violet growing country in the world, and great fields of them stretch away beneath the warm southern sun, the property of pertumers. They are seen in greatest wealth and protesion in l'aris, but the consider them appearing on the consideration and walk abroad or take violent exercise, anding an abourd struggers.

of means are rarely seen without a bunch of them appearing on the corsace, in the bounct, or instead to the muff of matth o, recention, or street continues, and even dinner decora-tions at this senson of the year are of violets scattered over soft sills or musim of raw de Ni beheath candles shalled softly with violet silk.

If you fancy violet, opopanax, heliotrone, white rose, or that old-fashioned perfume, lavender, to make sweet all your belongings, you must, above everything olse, have your fans rest in nests made of satchets filled with the sweet that you have made peculiarly your own. With the departure of the bouquet as the proper adjunct to an evenium tollet, the fan has again become of importance, but it lacks individuality until, as you wave it to and iro, the air is lilied with fragrance. It's a pretty idea and a poetical one, but just remember that nobody would ever make her friends suffer by filling the place with the odor of musk,

The enormous feather fans are always fash ionable-that is, if they are the right kind. Those having few feathers, and the feathers thin, plumes that look as if they might have decorated an estrich who was dieting or being cured of encumonia by Christian Science, are cheap and masty. The received fan of leathers must have its sticks of tortoles shell, each plume must be long and full, and the uppermost one must have grouped on it, like a bunch of flowers, a large family of they plumes. Such a fan cannot be gotten for less than \$100, and, though feather fans are spoken of every day, really magnificent ones are seldom seen. The white or colored toather fan is usually mounted after the manner of the three feathers of the Prince of Wales; the stick may be livery, amber, tortoles shell, or mother of pearl but lesterater or is to have a tiny band of lewels turn midway of it; often the eare diamonds, though turn the color of the plumes. Point lace fans mounted on sticks of carved very flickly studded with cured of pneumonia by Christian Science, are cheap and nasty. The received fan of leathers ed on sticks of carved ivory thickly studded with jewels are dedicated to the matron who can manage one without breaking it, because she deem't use it as cojustishly as does the frivolous young woman.

The "evening party," which has met with such varying vielsaltudes of fortune concerning its name, being known as a "drum" at one York or Brooklyn ' assembly' later, and subse"Judging only from my own work. I should of lemon, and they are fished up and dropped into your glass at the point of a silver dagger; parent, arising from the unusual number of deaths occurring from the prevailing maindy. I was much surprised at my audicaces in lowance in each glass of itusian tea is one Brooklyn through the holiday season, when I lump followed by one silce of lemon. Two de-

tertainment as the "evening party," though this generally accepted title never appears on an invitation card, and is only mentioned in a note written in the first person. The correct form of invitation is the "At home" card, filled in with all particulars, such as the names of hostess guests, &c. The host's name does not figure in the invitation, and it must be reserved for the corner of the card to reveal what is in store in the way of amusement for the expectant guest: "music," recitations," or what not, and if nothing of the sort is written or printed, that amateur talent will provide the entertainment; or better still, "talk," with the hostess and her guests will occupy the time. Lionizing at the parties is rather on the wane, owing, perhaps, to an unusual dearth of lions or to their just and reasonable objection to having their hands shaken off by crowds of uninteresting people who insist upon being introduced to them. Celebrities may be seen at the houses of their friends, but their names are no longer blazoned on the cards, after the words "to meet."

Such little things please women!
They are made happy by a "mile and a flower. By a new frock and a pleasant greeting. By a bit of cake and a good cup of tea. By a well-fitting pair of slippers and a hand-kerchief with a drop of perfume on it. By a string of gold beads or a new book. By being took they look nice, and having this accompanied by a kiss.
By a tete-a-tote supper, or a lot of the girls to eatice cream in the middle of the day. By a box of andy or ten possage stamps. By a wedding or an engagement.
By going to the matine, or having a bit of news that is an absolute secret told them.
But they are happiest of all when they can lean their heads up against the shoulder of some great big man, tell of their woes and poys, be laughed at and kissed, be natted and assured of being "a ridiculous little donkey, but after all a pretty good little girl." That's what they like best.

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One of the most remarkable women in Eng land is Mrs. Meredith, who has created and di-

rected the career of that complicated organ-ism known as "Mrs. Meredith's Institutions," with a degree of unerring good judgment and wonderful executive ability. Her father during her childhood held an official position connected with the prisons in Ireland, and was early impressed with a desire to do something to mitigate the desolate lives of the women convicts. Some time in 1860 she began speaking at the "Social Selence Congressos" and elsewhere of the evils which resulted from the incare-ration of women at Brixton, shut off from all benedicial outside influences, and of the imperative need to make decent citizens of the discharged convicts, in 1868 she obtained leave to visit the immates of the prison and many years she made it her daily duty to go to the woman prisoners with words of counsel and sympathy. Feeling that a helping hand must be stratched out to the discharged prisoners if their promises of referm were to be fulfilled. Mrs. Meredith established a refugo for them in houses adjoining her own home, and later oriened a mission on Chaplain road, where they are employed at laundry work or needlework, and no female prisoner is allowed to pass from out the prison gates without some attempt being made to recialm her to the ranks of honest citizens. These women, though hardened by crime, possessione instinct of womanhood hard to killer. convicts. Some time in 1860 she began speaking without some attempt being made to rectain her to the ranks of honest cutzens. These women, though hardened by crime, possessione instinct of womanhood hard to kill-love for their children and a desire to save them from corrupting influences. To second this desire Mrs. Meredith has established a little colony of twenty or thirty cottages, with a school house, infirmary and charel. In each cottage a family of ten or twelve children is housed, and a kindly woman of good character is found to mother the family. Down in the districts of wandswirth and Battersea, where poverty and sickness play into each other's hands. Mrs. Meredith's woman missionaries carry on an active work of healing, toth beddiy and spiritual, both in their dispensary and in the homes of the poor. Another emanation from her active brain was the scheme of relief for the women in the Irlsh famine. Instead of helping them with almostiving she organized a school for ace making, and the handiwork produced by her pupils was so good that later the industry became a sprofitable business, and was taken into the hands of some commercial dealers. In the creation and government of her peculiar little kingdom Mrs. Meredith has accomplished with less publicity and solf-adverti-ement than many so-called philanthroisis display in opening a mission school or tounding a Bible class. philanthropis:s display in opening a mission school or tounding a Bible class.

of to-day must wear a cleverly contrived gar-ment combining the masculine element with the feminine so cunningly and intricately that to call it a skirt at all is almost a misnomer. and so closely fitted that it is much more liable to produce accidents than the old plainly gathered or gored skirt. In olden times, too. the cloth of which hunting habits were made tore easily, and in case of accident this was in itself a safety; but modern cloth, by whatever tised assisty but modern cloth, by whatever name it goes, is thick enough to withstand any amount of hard usage before it will tear or give way, even when left unhemmed. Consequently the incentive of the utmost to devise the memory of the consequently the interest of the utmost to devise the left unhemmed. Consequently the interest of the utmost to devise the left unhemmed. Consequently the interest of the utmost to devise the left unhemmed. Consequently the interest of the utmost to devise the left united states and the other is the least of the utmost to devise the purpose is that the rider state the norse shell have the benefit of the broads parked, and the other is that he norse shell have the benefit of the purpose is that the rider of state the norse shell have the benefit of the stores of the interest of the purpose is that the rider of the store of the rime. The rime, which is the state the norse shell have the benefit of the store of the rime of the store of the rime of the same of the rime above the right knee after the habit is on, in order to secure its going off with the rider. There is no attempt made to provide for closing the skirt when the wearer is dismounted, and it is rather embarrashing to adde round against the wall at a nunt break as to conceal the unfortunate and undesirable devicency of the petticoat. Another failor has devised an arrangement for being involuntarily shot out of one's habit on necessary occasions. The skirt quite resembles that of ordinary cut when in the saddle, but it is a most grotesque garbone its wearer is dismounted. It fasions up on the under side, and it is in the ingenious fastenings that the safety consists, for the classes are so arranged that when the wearer's weight is precipitated upon them they give way outfrely, and the lady waits unburt as the horse tears sway with her skirt forsome kindly garment to cover her "continuations". horse tears away with her skirt for some kindly parament to cover her "continuations"

Still another safety skirt fastens with a lock and key at the waist. The latter is attached to a strap fastened to the saddle, and in case the rider is thrown, the strain of the strap unlocks the clasp and the rider escapes from the skirt covered with confusion and knickerboekers. Now the question which puzzles fair riders is whether it is better to wear a habit which always looks ridiculous except when mounted, or to look supremely ridiculous in case they are thrown and the steed bounds away caparisoned in their petitions.

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Among the little recordion beniets worn recently is one of flamingo-colored velvet, with an edge of jet embroidery, and the front fliled in with plattings of black lase. Another has a crown of emerald-green velvet, embroidered with a large simflower in black jet, and the front trimmed with black con's teathers, which has a singularly soft effect against the green.

one may single out as distinctive and beautiful types a dress of turquoise-blue silk with the front draped with pink chiffon. The bodice. somewhat in the Empire style, is draped at the side with pink chiffon, confined at the waist by ribbons of two colors, set off by clusters of pink roses and masses of the fortunate flower that grows for happy lovers. Almost as pretty is a gown of white and yellow brocade, draped with white lace, and trimmed with branches of Marèchal Niel roses. A dress of silk brocade in allemate stripes of deep rose color and biscuit has the front draped with rose-colored crepe, and is completed by a zounce of pearl beads made beautiful with the soft reflection of the surrounding rose tints. A very conspicuous dress, requiring a beautiful and courageous wearer, is of yellow net striped with satin of the sume color, with a garniture of large tiger likes on the skirt and smaller ones on the bodice, and is in striking contrast to an equality beautiful creation of pearligray faille, figured with feathery sprays of forn in delicate tintings of gray and white. A charming ball dress worn at a late London festivity has the corrage elaborately trimmed with jet, the front of the skirt covered with sequins, and long trails of water lifles and grasses to comple e the cosume. Two very dainty dressess designed for two debutante sisters are of bengaline, one of primrise and the other of dove color, draped with sik litusuan net of the same shade as the dresses, threaded with white fairy ribbons.

A novel feature of dinner gowns is in their gown of white and yellow brocade, draped with

ross pota slike a shower of rose leaves, and this drapery is drawn up high on the hips to fall in two pointed ends on the train. A gown with a red sevet train and bodice with a Medici color has a petitoral wrought with variously tinted metal emiroidery in a rich amalgamation of color soltened at inter-vals by cascades of rare old Mechin lare, through which a glimmer of the pale blue satin through which a glimmer of the bale sate and has ground was apparent. Another handsome dinner costume is of dark green satin de Lyon, brocaded with a shower of large full-blown reperses, and is made with a long, sinare disperving front, opening on either side to reveal grimpses of a red tullo peulcoat embroidered with flowers.

Tea gowns continue to be revelations of artistic beauty. One of noppy-red satin de Lyon, brocaded with garlands of leaves and flowers. in pale straw color, has a full front of red crêpe and is vandyked around the hem over a flource and is vandyked around the hem over a florace of straw-colored lace. Another of black cashmere, with a black velvet zonave covered with gold thread embroidery, has the bem of the short train be dered by three tows of black velvet, each row edged with the gold braid. The front of black crops de chief in accordion pleats from the neck to the hem is drawn in at the whist by a girdle of gold, and the high full eleves are fluithed with deep cuffs of the gittering embroidery.

sary betters one can be considered properly shoul, the result is seen that the expendit tures of a fashionable woman will mount well into the hundreds for one season's coulif alone.

SCHOOL-GIRL RELIGION.

An Incident in a Girl's Life in a Massachuse etts Hourding School.

"Do you know what school-girl religion is?" asked a lady pestorday who lives in Madison avenue and is well known in society. "If not, I may be able to tell you by relating how I lest my share of it very studienty one day.

"At 14 I was sent to a boarding school in western Massachusetts. Being naturally proud, the homesickness to be expected under the circumstances became an agony. During the first three months I lived with a breaking heart, for pide seaded my lips—never a word did I utter concerning my grief, and in consequence teachers and associates thought me extremely sulky.

"The school stood on a hill overlooking the far-famed beerfield valley—as I countiful a stretch of hill, daie, field, wood, and stream as one would wish to see. My reem was in the skid of the house which gave the best view of this valley. Wideling and wishing allowing in the serious control of the middle fit and the state of the result is grow erashed with a far-famed beerfield valley—as I countiful a stretch of hill, daie, field, wood, and stream as one would wish to see. My reem was in the skid of the house which gave the best view of this valley. Wideling and this tight grow erashed with a far famed beerfield valley—as I countiful a stretch of hill, daie, field, word, and stream as one would wish to see. My reem was in the skid of the house which gave the best view of this valley. Wideling the far famed beerfield valley—as to continue the proposed against the window glass, with aching the proposed against the window glass, with aching the proposed against the window glass, with aching the proposed which the far famed beerfield with a far window glass, with aching the proposed who had been in New York. I cannot tell how many nights I sat with hot face proposed agai

were voith ut that the expression of them was ridiculous. Since then whatever I have thought no one has ever hearn me give expression to school-girl religious words, an if have never been moved by a night idea that that mocking laugh has not returned to me."

THE GIRLS GAFE IN

They are Wearing Slippers and Sneezing Just as They Said.

SCRANTON, Feb. 1—A few days ago the proprietor of one of the Scranton hotels called his dining-room girls together and told them that henceforth they must all wear slippers while they were serving the gue-ts at the tables. Several compaints had been made to him, he told the trembling maidens in a row, about now noisy their squeaky and thick-soled boots were when the ploasant-faced waitresses tripped over the bare floor in a hurry, and the annoyance had got to be stopped at once, he said. He didn't want to put the girls to any expense, he assured them, and he had there-SCRANTON, Feb. 1-A few days ago the

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MRS. BLADEN'S LOST GARTER.

The Philagelphia Poller Force Spends & From the Philidelphia Record.

An innocent and unassuming garter, whose